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FYI: Response to question from Senate GOP staffer.

From: Shaw, Barbara
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To: 'Sanders, David'
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Hi, David. In addition to responding to your questions below, I am also attaching a PowerPoint presentation about the NRI program which will provide more general information about the program.

1. The start date for grants to the lead agencies was October 16, 2011. Subcontracts (which include specific line item budgets) with community provider partners are reviewed and approved by IVPA before being executed by the lead agency. Review, approval and execution of the subcontracts has occurred over the last four weeks, with some still being finalized.

2. Yes, as with all IVPA grants, there are specific staffing, budget and service requirements for the lead agencies and for each of the program components delivered by community partners. These requirements vary based on the program component and include specifications on the number and types of staff that must be hired (e.g. two case managers must be hired for the Reentry component), budget allocations for specific costs (e.g. allocations for hiring a specific number of youth and mentor/coordinators for a specified time period at a specified rate in the Mentoring Plus Jobs component), and service requirements that specify the type of service to be provided, the projected number of clients to be served, etc. (e.g. in the School-Base Counseling component three counselors will each work in two schools and will be trained to provide a specific number of evidence-based group interventions to reduce trauma symptoms and help students regulate their anger). All staffing, budget and service requirements are specified in the partner subcontracts.

3. The lead agencies and the subcontractors all have specific budgets that must meet budget requirements. All budgets are carefully reviewed and approved by IVPA and the agencies must spend their funds in accordance with their contract budgets which are attached to their grant contracts.

4. It is anticipated that in FY 11 over 3,300 youth and parent participants, adult mentors, coordinators and fiscal mgrs will be hired in part-time jobs under NRI and over 130 community providers will be hired in full-time jobs delivering the component services and coordinating the NRI effort in each community. .

5. The two components that provide jobs for participants are Mentoring Plus Jobs and Parent Leadership (the other components hire providers to provide school-based counseling and reentry services). Participants in the M+J and Parent leadership components will be hired into the program right after recruitment.

6. In FY 12, the NRI Plan calls for the same number of jobs outlined above (3,430) and will

provide services to over 10,000 youth in the 23 communities in addition to the youth participating in the Mentoring Plus Jobs component. All components have measurable outcomes (see slides) and a data system is being developed for the providers to enter client, service and outcome data.

I also want to note that the direct service components are being developed and implemented in collaboration with relevant state and local agencies (DOC/DJJ, CPS, etc.) and that training and technical assistance is being provided to all community providers to build community capacity to implement all of the component models.